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MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

All programs are limited in size - PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT (IF APPLICABLE) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.
Register for county recreation programs by going online at www.MarionParksRec.org.

ADULTS

ARCHERY 101 FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Youth - Wednesday / 4 p.m. / Ages 8-16

Adults - Wednesday / 6 p.m.

Session I - December 7-28 / Session II - January 4-25 /

Session III - February 1-22

A beginner archery program for youth and adults at Brick City Adventure Park. Session fee: \$20/month/person (4 classes).

ARCHERY - INTERMEDIATE FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Youth - Thursday / 4 p.m. / Ages 10-16

Adults - Thursday / 6 p.m.

Session I - December 8-29 / Session II - January 5-26 /

Session III - February 2-23

An intermediate archery program for youth and adults at Brick City Adventure Park. Our certified instructors will focus on expanding the fundamentals of shooting and incorporate exercises designed to improve shooting form and technique. Session fee: \$40/month/person (4 classes).

BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday / 9 a.m. / December 10 / January 7 / February 11

An excellent beginner program for participants, ages 8 to adult, who would like to explore an unimproved wild cave. Requires strenuous physical activity that includes climbing, crawling on hands and knees, and belly crawling on rocky surfaces in tight spaces. Participants should wear long pants, sturdy footwear and gloves. Caving gear provided. Fee is \$40/person.

ECO TRAM TOURS

Silver Springs Forest / December 3 / February 9

Sunnyhill / December 8 / January 12 / February 18

Carney / December 31 / January 21 / February 4

Tour nature trails where local wildlife reside while riding on our accessible tram that can accommodate people with disabilities. Please advise staff of special accommodation requests at the time of registration. Some locations may require park entry fee as well. Tour time: 9 a.m. Fee: \$10/person.

EXPLORE MARION COUNTY - INTERPRETIVE NATURE WALKS

Tuesdays / December 13 - Baseline Trail / December 27 -

Silver Springs Conservation / January 10 - Yearling Trail /

January 24 - Lake Eaton / February 7 - Marshall Swamp /

February 21 - Silver Springs Forest

Adult participants should be in good health and able to leisurely walk with rest stops for up to 2-3 hours. Group meets at 8:30 a.m. at Brick City Adventure Park to travel to walk location, or you can meet at the designated park. Fee is \$2 / person. Transportation is available but van space is limited to 10 people and must be requested upon sign-up.

KAYAK AND KOFFEE®

Rainbow River (KP Hole Park®) - Thursdays / December 1 /

January 5 / February 2

Silver River (Silver Springs) - Thursdays / December 15 /

January 19 / February 16

Weekday outings on the Rainbow and Silver Rivers, ideal for beginners and those interested in nature and wildlife-viewing. Equipment provided. Fee is \$30 plus park user fee which varies by site. Fee includes equipment and refreshments following the outing. Paddlers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at launch site.

KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD OUTING

Crystal River (Kings Bay) / January 7 - Kayak Only

Santa Fe River / February 14 - Kayak Only

Kayak outings for the experienced paddler. Participants are to meet at Brick City Adventure Park at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$40/person plus the park user fee. Equipment and shuttle provided. Pre-registration required.

MARTIAL ARTS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Brick City Adventure Park

Mondays & Wednesdays / 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Taekwondo Do Moo Duk Kwan

Certified instructor will work with youth and adults in developing their mind, body and spirit through the martial arts. Interested persons should contact the Parks and Recreation Office to check on available times. Monthly fee \$70 per person, onsite registration only. (Additional fees may apply for uniforms and certifications)

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Rainbow River (KP Hole® Park)

December 12

Paddle the Rainbow River under the light of the moon. Launch from KP Hole® and paddle to the head springs. Equipment provided. Fee \$35/person (equipment provided) or \$20/person using your own equipment. Launch will vary based on moonlight schedule.

OFF ROAD BIKING 101

Santos Bike Trail / Dec. 17 / Jan. 21 / Feb. 25

Come join us as our staff teaches you the basics of mountain biking and guides you through some of the most beautiful biking trails in Florida. Meet at Santos trail at 8:30 a.m. All equipment is provided for a fee of \$40/person. Fee is \$20 if you bring your own off-road bike and helmet.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (Ages 6-13)

Brick City Adventure Park / 5-9 p.m.

Dec. 16 / Jan. 20 / Feb. 17

Join our friendly staff for an evening of indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts and game room fun! Snacks and drinks are provided. Program \$15 per child.

PICKLEBALL (Drop-In)

Tuesdays / 9 a.m. / 6 p.m. / Coehadjoe Park / On-going

Drop-in pickleball meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Program not staffed. Equipment available for sign-out with a deposit at the Parks Office.

MARION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL

Men 55 and up / Women 50 and up

Ralph Russell Park

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Interested in getting back into the swing of it... bat swing, that is. Fee \$25/player per season. New players welcome and may sign up in mid-season. Games start at 9 a.m. Friday Only Play also available. Winter league is currently underway. Call 352-671-8560 for more information.

YOGA

Brick City Adventure Park

Tuesdays / 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Come join us for a relaxing session of Yoga every Tuesday night at Brick City. Our certified instructor will make you feel

comfortable no matter your level of experience. Participants need to supply their own mats, towels and water. Program fee \$15/person per class or sign up for the month for \$50.

ARCHERY 101 / Ages 8-16

See details under Adults at left

ARCHERY - INTERMEDIATE / Ages 10-16

See details under Adults at left

HOME-SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

Brick City Adventure Park / Sept.-May

Wednesday/Ages 5-9 / 9 a.m.

Wednesday/Ages 10-15 / 10:15

On-going home school art program for youth ages 5-15 year olds meets each Wednesday. No program on school holidays. Class is limited to 25 students. Monthly fee \$20/child.

HOME-SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION CLUB

Brick City Adventure Park / Sept.-May

Wednesday / Ages 10-15 / 9 a.m.

Wednesday / Ages 5-9 / 10:15 a.m.

Our "HPER Club" encourages teamwork, strategy and fair play. No program on school holidays. Fee is \$12/month per child.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday 2 p.m.-Sunday 11 a.m. / Dec. 17 / Carney

Island / Jan. 28 Horseshoe / Feb. 25 Carney Island

Offers an enjoyable outdoor recreation experience for the entire family. Activities include fishing instruction, boating safety, kayaking, camping basics, and night fishing. Children must be at least 8 years old. Fee is \$16 per person and \$8 for kids 12 and under. Fee includes tents/camping equipment, meals and snacks. Participants must provide their own sleeping bags and personal items.

OVERNIGHT FISH CAMP

Horse Shoe Lake

Saturday 2 p.m.-Sunday 11 a.m. / March 4-5

Offers an enjoyable outdoor recreation experience for the entire family. Activities include fishing instruction, boating safety, kayaking, camping basics, and night fishing. Children must be at least 8 years old. Fee is \$70 for a family of four and \$15 for each additional family member. Fee includes tents/camping equipment, meals and snacks. Participants must provide their own sleeping bags and personal items.

SEARCH, REGISTER and PAY for
Marion County Parks and Recreation programs
24/7 from any device connected to the internet at
www.MarionParksRec.org. For more information,
please contact Marion County Parks and
Recreation at 352-454-6251 or email
parks@marioncountyfl.org.

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City of Ocala Recreation & Parks reserve
the right at any time to adjust dates, prices,
and locations for all programs, rentals, and
memberships as considered necessary.



CITY OF OCALA RECREATION AND PARKS UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED! Preregister and pay online at <http://recreationandparks.ocalafl.org>.

Volunteers needed. Call Connie Carroll at 352-368-5504 for details.

LET'S SKATE OCALA

Downtown Ocala

Now through Jan. 8 | Hours vary

A FUN unique winter activity using synthetic "ice" that's so authentic you won't know the difference. We have theme nights or you can reserve the rink for a private function such as a Christmas, birthday or office party. \$5/person/session. Call Carla at 352-572-0371 for details.

BE THE DINOSAUR™

Discovery Center

Tuesday through Saturday | Oct. 7 through Jan. 19
Tuesday-Thursday | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday | 10 a.m.-8 p.m. | Saturday | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Step into the world of 65 million+ years ago and Be the Dinosaur™ at our first interactive exhibit. Be the Dinosaur™ is a groundbreaking fusion of state-of-the-art video game technology and traditional exhibits, featuring full-size dinosaur bones, a paleontology field station, a safari Jeep and more.

SCULPTURE WALK AND EDUCATIONAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Tuscahill Park

Now-Sept. 17 | Sunrise-Sunset

Enjoy the sculptures and complete the scavenger hunt sponsored by Family Times Magazine and Phillip D. Breske Photography. Receive complimentary family admission to the Appleton Museum. Download your brochure at www.ocalafl.org/outdoorsculpture.

OCALA DOWNTOWN MARKET

Visit the market at its new location!

Saturdays | Year round | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Reap locally grown farm fresh seasonal produce, homemade jellies and jams, delicious kettle corn, boiled peanuts, homemade crafts and plants.

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

Downtown Ocala

First Friday of each month | 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 2 through May 5

Visual and performing artists and art activities. Sponsored by the Downtown Business Alliance and Ocala Municipal Arts Commission.

A FIGHT FOR FREEDOM: THE ATTACK ON FORT KING

Fort King National Historic Landmark

Saturday, Sunday | Dec. 3 and 4 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tensions are high as the Indian Agent Wiley Thompson clashes with Osceola over the removal of Native Americans from Florida to the Indian Territory. Troops are marching to Fort King from Fort Brooks to reinforce the garrison, however, the Seminoles have other plans in mind. Witness the act which was a prelude to the Second Seminole War.

OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

NE 25th Ave. west along Silver Springs Boulevard to downtown Ocala

Saturday | Dec. 10 | 5:30 p.m.

The parade has been an Ocala tradition for 60 years and is the largest night time parade in the State of Florida.

TEAM BUILDING ADVENTURES

Discovery Center | Two-hour sessions

Take a break from the daily grind with FUN, innovative challenges and activities designed to cause laughter while enhancing cooperation, improving communication, and increasing trust in self and others within the group. Ideal for business groups, youth groups, new leaders and teams needing to be re-energized! \$10/person. Call Kimberly at 352-401-3900.

OCALA GOLF CLUB | 352-401-6917

PINE OAKS OF OCALA | 352-401-6940

Interested in joining a league? Need lessons? Just want to play a round of golf? Call the city golf courses and get ready to tee it up!

FORT KING TENNIS CENTER

Have you always wanted to play tennis? Now is the time! This center is open to the public and offers all types of lessons. Or if you just want to play a set, give them a call at 352-629-8453 to make reservations.

FUNTASTIC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | AGES 6-12

E.D. Croskey Recreation Center

Monday-Friday | Now through May 25 | 2:15-6 p.m.

Daily homework help, educational FUN, fitness and creative activities/games will be played daily after snack time. Get help with homework, get fit and participate in activities and games after snack time. \$25/person one-time registration fee. \$60/person program fee.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND OPEN RECREATION | AGES 5-17

Lillian F. Bryant Community Center

Monday-Friday | Now through May 25 | 3-6 p.m.

Youth can enjoy complimentary after school activities such as basketball, dodge ball, kickball, softball and volleyball; play bumper pool, pool or ping pong; or use the computer lab or receive homework assistance in a supervised environment. Includes a nutritious snack.

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

Downtown Square

Tuesdays and Thursdays | Dec. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 | 6-8 p.m.

A favorite family holiday program including a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, snacks and hay rides.

SANTA'S CALLING

Ocala Recreation and Parks

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | Dec. 6, 7, 8 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be checking their list and calling from the North Pole to delight good little girls and boys. Register at www.ocalafl.org/recpark beginning Nov. 1. Call 352-401-3916.

JR. MAGIC BASKETBALL CO-ED LEAGUE | AGES 5-14

E.D. Croskey Recreation Center

Monday through Friday | Jan. 5-Feb. 23 | 5:30-8 p.m.

Your child will learn sportsmanship and teamwork. Everyone will enjoy weekly scheduled practices and games that will encourage the development of your child's basketball skills. \$55/person.

FIT KIDS! | AGES K-8th GRADE

Lillian F. Bryant Community Center

Monday-Friday | Year-round | 3-4:30 p.m.

This complimentary program provides in-depth materials that promote and educate youth about making healthy choices as well as being active through games, snacks and family interaction.

THE FIRST TEE OF GREATER OCALA (AGES 6-15)

This program provides after school and weekend classes at Ocala Golf Club and Pines Oaks of Ocala teaching kids' life skills and core values through the game of golf. Scholarships are available. For details, visit our website at www.thefirstteegreaterocala.org or call Executive Director Chris Wilson at 352-362-2258.

HARLI MOURADIAN'S MONDAY HABITAT DISCOVERY!

Mondays | Now through Dec. 19 | 4-4:30 p.m.

Discover specifics about one of our many featured habitats. Our volunteer, Harli Mouradian (a UF senior studying Anthropology) will focus on a new reptile or amphibian each week.

HOME SCHOOL THURSDAYS | AGES 8-12

Thursdays | 12:30-2 p.m.
Dec. 1, 8, 15 - Dinosaur Digs | Jan. 5, 12, 19 - Layered Earth | Feb. 2, 9, 16 - Solar System Exploration

A wonderful way to connect with other homeschooled families. We offer FUN-filled hands-on scientific adventures. Fee is \$32/week/member and \$37/week/non-member. Pre-registration required.

CREATE SCIENTISTS | AGES 2-5

Thursdays | 10-11 a.m.

Dec. 1, 8, 15 - North Pole South Pole | Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Jurassic January! | Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 - Space Explorers
Come along as we introduce your little Einstein into many facets of science through story books, songs, simple experiments and hands-on projects that will feed their minds and sometimes their tummy! Story books, songs, simple experiments and hands-on projects. \$32/week/member. \$38/week/non-member.

GITTS - GIRLS INSPIRED TO TRY SCIENCE | AGES 8-12

Saturdays | Jan. 14 - Be the Dinosaur™ | Feb. 4 - Secret Agent Science | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Girls rule! Expand your knowledge and get energized with GITTS. Drink and pizza included. \$25/person.

ROBOTICS 201 | AGES 8-14

Dec. 19-22 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

With the use of the Mindstorm EV-3 kits, Robotics 201 will focus on sensors and explore more detailed programming. Campers will develop the skills needed to participate in FRC (First Robotics Competition). Designed for the camper with previous robotics experience. \$100/participant.

SHOW PALACE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR | AGES 50+

Charter bus departs Eighth Avenue Adult Activity Center at 9 a.m. and returns from Hudson at 6 p.m.
Wednesday | Dec. 7

This show will bring back your favorite Christmas memories such as drinking eggnog, singing carols as you decorate the tree, listening to your favorite stories and children opening their gifts. \$71/person and includes transportation, meal and admission. Call 352-629-8357 or 629-8545 for details or to register.

WALK ABOUT TALK ABOUT: TUSCAWILLA SCULPTURE STROLL | AGES 18+

Tuscahill Park

Thursday | Dec. 8 | 10 a.m.-Noon

Stroll through the new sculpture exhibit with an Appleton Museum of Art docent. Prepare to walk one mile and wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the outdoors. Pre-register at 352-401-3916.

BUY A LOG, BUILD A FORT

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E. Fort King Street

We need to sell 600 commemorative logs to reconstruct the 150'x150' palisades of the fort and two blockhouses. In exchange for the purchase of a log, your name will be permanently engraved on a plaque inside the Visitors Center and you will receive membership in the Fort King Heritage Association. To purchase a log for \$250, \$500 or \$1,000, please go to www.fkha.org or call 352-368-5533 for more information.

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TEEN

ADULTS

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